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SUBJECT: WIDESPREAD CONDEMNATION OF DR. AAFIA SIDDIQUI,S

GUILTY VERDICT

Classified By: Anne W. Patterson for reasons 1.4 (b) (d)

1. (U) Summary: The guilty verdict against Dr. Aafia Siddiqui in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of NY sparked protests and publ  
2. (C) The guilty verdict against Dr. Aafia Siddiqui has sparked public protests and condemnation of the U.S. The response to the verdict has  
3. (U) Senior government officials expressed disappointment at the verdict and declared that they would provide further legal assistance to Si  
4. (U) Both the government and the NGO community spoke out against the verdict. In addition to the USG, much of the anger was directed at the  
5. (U) The Afghan Taliban demanded Siddiqui,s release and  
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threatened to execute a U.S. soldier they are holding. In a statement to a local Pakistani paper, "The News," an Afghan Taliban spokesman claim  
16. (SBU) During a meeting with DCM and POLOFFs on February 8, a group of moderate Muslim religious leaders expressed very strong feelings abou  
17. (SBU) Comment: The Siddiqui case has from its outset elicited a strong, emotional response among the Pakistani public, and has regularly be